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NON-ATTENDANCE.

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11. (SBU) Summary. The Government of New Zealand has confirmed that it cannot send a representative to the Development Ministers Meeting to be held in Monrovia, Liberia September 5-6. End Summary.

12. (SBU) In response to Reftel request regarding host nation participation in the Development Ministers Meeting to be held in Monrovia, Liberia September 5-6, Post reached out to the New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID) and have been informed that it did receive the August 12 invitation from Liberian President Sirleaf to attend the meeting. However, Peter Adams, Executive Director NZAID, cannot attend the meeting nor can any other GNZ official. New Zealand has sparse diplomatic coverage on the African continent - it has missions in Cairo and Pretoria only. Therefore, it is constrained by a shortfall in available personnel at this time.

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